
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING VIETNAM ERA PATRIOTS STAFF SERGEANT
LEONARD "LENNY" HO; LIEUTENANT COLONEL DANIEL L. O'LEARY
III; LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHNIE E. WEBB, JR.; LIEUTENANT
COLONEL VINCENT VERNAY; ADMIRAL RICHARD MACKE; AND GENERAL
DAVID BRAMLETT FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO OUR
COUNTRY AND CONTINUING SERVICE TO OUR STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature honors the service of
2 these outstanding Vietnam Veterans, commemorating their
3 sacrifice on our behalf; and
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5 WHEREAS, today we honor men who gave their heart and soul
6 as a matter of course while performing their duty for our
7 country; and
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9 WHEREAS, most were not welcomed back or treated with the
10 respect they earned; and
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12 WHEREAS, today, in our own small way, we look to rectify
13 that issue by saying thank you and mahalo for the blood, sweat,
14 and tears they shed for us so many years ago, in a land far
15 away; and
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17 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Leonard "Lenny" Ho served three
18 tours of duty in Vietnam as a member of 1/1 Marine Division,
19 Alpha Company from 1966 to 1968 and received the Purple Heart
20 after sustaining injuries as a result of being buried alive by a
21 collapsed bunker; and
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23 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Staff Sergeant Ho became
24 actively involved with a variety of volunteer organizations,
25 including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of
26 America, Marine Corps League Aloha Chapter, and See Dai Do
27 Benevolent Society; and
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1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel L. O'Leary III was
2 stationed in both Da Nang, Vietnam, and later Nakhon Phanom,
3 Thailand, where he flew combat missions and was assigned to find
4 enemy targets as a Night Observation Sight Operator or Forward
5 Looking Infrared Operator on an AC 119K gunship; and
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7 WHEREAS, in all, Lieutenant Colonel O'Leary flew a total of
8 one hundred thirty-nine combat missions during the Vietnam
9 Conflict and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Republic
10 of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal,
11 Vietnam Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, nine Air
12 Medals, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device;
13 and
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15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Johnie E. Webb, Jr. served in
16 the Vietnam Conflict and was assigned to the 64th Quartermaster
17 Battalion, 532nd Transportation Company located at Long Binh,
18 and was the Operations Officer for the company responsible for
19 scheduling convoys to deliver fuel and supplies to other units;
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22 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Webb served for eleven years as
23 Commander of the Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii,
24 responsible for the recovery and identification of the Americans
25 lost during the Vietnam War; and
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27 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Webb is the recipient of the
28 Legion of Merit (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Bronze Star Medal,
29 the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious
30 Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Army Commendation
31 Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster); and
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33 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Vernay served two tours
34 of duty in Vietnam; and
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36 WHEREAS, during his first tour of duty, Lieutenant Colonel
37 Vernay was assigned to the 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion of the 3rd
38 Marine Division, Naval Advisory Group MACV Saigon, and S-3 3rd
39 Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment; and
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1 WHEREAS, in Lieutenant Colonel Vernay's second tour of duty
2 in 1969 and 1970, he served with G-3 Operations, 1st Marine
3 Division and XO 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment; and
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5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Vernay's awards include the
6 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Vietnam Civil Action Unit
7 Citation Ribbon, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Ribbon,
8 and Vietnam Service Ribbon with Star; and
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10 WHEREAS, Admiral Richard Macke, after graduating from the
11 United States Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1960, became an
12 accomplished aviator completing more than one hundred fifty
13 combat missions in Southeast Asia from the USS Constellation;
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16 WHEREAS, for his bravery, Admiral Macke was awarded the
17 Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with a Bronze
18 Star, Vietnam Service Medal with three stars, and Legion of
19 Merit with three gold stars; and
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21 WHEREAS, Admiral Macke finished a distinguished career as
22 Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Command from
23 1994 until his retirement in 1996; and
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25 WHEREAS, General David Bramlett is a West Point graduate
26 and retired four-star general who served two combat tours of
27 duty in Vietnam, including serving as a Captain in the 101st
28 Airborne Division and Rifle Company Commander of C Company 2-
29 327th Infantry; and
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31 WHEREAS, throughout General Bramlett's distinguished
32 career, he was the recipient of numerous awards including a
33 Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Defense Distinguished Service
34 Medal, and Bronze Star with five oak leaf clusters; now,
35 therefore,
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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
38 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
39 2019, that this legislative body hereby thanks Staff Sergeant
40 Leonard "Lenny" Ho; Lieutenant Colonel Daniel L. O'Leary III;
41 Lieutenant Colonel Johnnie E. Webb, Jr.; Lieutenant Colonel



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1 Vincent Vernay; Admiral Richard Macke; and General David
2 Bramlett for their extraordinary service to our country and
3 continuing service to our State.
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